Statement

District-wise number of new post offices sanctioned and set up in Rural Areas ofRajasthan during the year 2001-2002

SI. No.	No. of post offices sanctioned and set up	Name of district
1.	2	Alvvar
2.	1	Jaipur
3.	1	Bharatpur
4.	1	Pali
5.	2	Jalore
6.	2	Jodhpur
7.	1	Sriganganagar
8.	2	Sirohi
9.	1	Hanumangarh
10.	3	Chittorgarh
11.	3	Udaipur
12.	2	Bhilwara
13.	1	Banswara
14.	1	Dungarpur
Total:	23	

Composition of TRAI

4968. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of the Telephone Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI);

(b) the procedure adopted for selection/nomination of members to TRAI;

(c) the expenditure incurred annually on TRAI; and

(d) the number of cases solved by TRAI during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRJMATISUMTTRAMAHAJAN). (a) and (b) The Chairperson and Members of the Telecom Regulatory Authority

of India (TRAI) are appointed in terms of the provisions of the TRAI Act, 1997, which empowers the Central Government to make such appointments. As per the provisions of the Act, TRAI consists of a Chairperson, and not more than two whole-time members and not more than two part-time members.

(c) Amounts released to TRAI by the Government in the last three years is as following:—

Year	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-01	890
2001-02	1070
2002-03	880

(d) After the amendments made to the TRAI Act in January 2000, the adjudicatory function of TRAI was shifted to the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal constituted under the amendments. Accordingly, no case has been adjudicated upon by TRAI during the last three years.

Disinvestment of MTNL

4969. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to disinvest the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with MTNL's current assets and liabilities and the anticipated earning from the proposed disinvestment;

(c) the factors leading to the proposal to disinvest MTNL and whether the proposal is aimed to benefit the private players;

(d) whether the possib ie buyers of MTNL have been identified;

(e) if so. the details thereof;

(f) whether disinvestment of MTNL would follow merger of BSNL with MTNL or the two PSUs divested separately; and

(g) the details of the current assets and liabilities of BSNL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATISLMTTRAMAHAJAN): (a) No decision has been taken in respect of disinvestment of Government held equity in MTNL.